

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A new listing of claims is submitted as requested.

Claims 47-55 are pending. Claims 53-55 have been added as suggested. Claims 48-51 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim a portion of the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention. No new matter has been added.

Specification

In the specification, the paragraph starting from line 16 on page 10 has been amended as required.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 48-52 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 48-51 have been amended. The claims as amended do not contain the rejected limitation “from about amino acid 772 to about amino acid 1356 as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2”.

The IDS Crossing in Mail

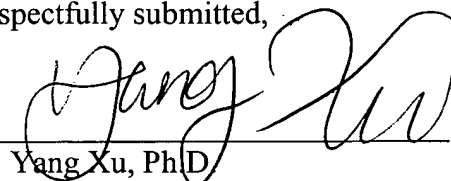
The Applicants respectfully request that the IDS submitted on October 28, 2003 be considered and made of record.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Allowance of claims 47-55 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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